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SUBJECT: JAMES RUSSELL MAY AND LAURA LEVINE AT THE KREMPP GALLERY

EXHIBIT DATES: OCTOBER 1-30, 2014

FIRST THURSDAY RECEPTION/ GALLERY TALK: OCTOBER 2, 2014, 5-8 PM

The Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center is pleased to present the work of Louisville, Kentucky artist, James Russell May and Carmel, Indiana artist, Laura Levine. May is a two dimensional artist working in oil paints and Levine is a three dimensional artist working with clay.

James Russell May's artwork is a mixture of oil and alkyd resin on wood. May became fascinated by the art of representative European tradition before starting his most recent work. "Educating myself in the history of art, starting with the Academic style of the nineteenth century and moving backwards, I recognized that a cultural divide had occurred which affected the way in which these works are perceived. This created a sense of mystery to these paintings that I found compelling", May stated. The use of alkyd resins mixed with oil and dry pigments for May's backgrounds really adds an unpredictable and contemporary element.

Through her artwork, Laura Levine strives to visually depict the core of human experience in relation to both the spiritual and natural worlds. "My sculptures illustrate both man's disconnect with nature and the individual's search for meaning. At times my work expresses hope through a maternal spirit figure, and at others dismay at our increasing misuse of our planet's resources", says Levine.

James Russell May holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The Savannah College of Art and Design. Laura Levine holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting from the Art Institute of Chicago. To learn more about the artists, visit their websites at www.jamesrussellmay.com and www.LLevineFineArt.com.

Join us at the Art Center for our monthly FiRST THURSDAY opening reception at the Krempp Gallery on Thursday, October 2, 2014 from 5 to 8 pm. Enjoy an evening of art, food, cash bar, music and fun! Both artists will be attending to give a brief gallery talk.

The Krempp Gallery, located in the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the VUJC campus, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, until 7 pm on Thursdays, and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. School groups, clubs and students are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, please call the Art Center at 482-3070. The Jasper Arts Center is managed by the Jasper Community Arts Commission, a department of the City of Jasper. The JCAC is supported by the Friends of the Arts, Inc., the Indiana Arts Commission through its regional partner the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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